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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. RAPANESE EMBASSY (KAWASHIMA) HAS GIVEN US
FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF AMBASSADOR USHIROKU'S
SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING WITH FONMIN KIM.

2. ACCORDING KIM, AMBASSADOR USHIROKU MET
WITH FONMIN KIM FOR FORTY MINUTES. HOWEVER, MEETING
WAS "QUITE UNSATISFACTORY". IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS
INSTRUCTIONS, AMBASSADOR USHIROKU FIRST DISCUSSED
THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE KIM CASE
RELATING TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF A KOREAN EMBASSY
OFFICER.

3. USHIROKU REQUESTED THAT THE ROKG RECONSIDER
ITS REFUSAL TO ALLOW THE OFFICER TO BE QUESTIONED
BY THE JAPANESE POLICE AUTHORITIES. KIM REFUSED.
HE CONFIRMED THAT OFFICIAL CONCERNED HAS BEEN IN
ROK FOR TWO WEEKS. KIM FURTHER STATED THAT UPON
RECEIPT GOJ INQUIRIES, EMBASSY OFFICIAL WAS
QUESTIONED BY ROK AUTHORITIES. OFFICIAL DENIED
INVOLVEMENT, AND THERE NO EVIDENCE HE WAS
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INVOLVED. KIM SAID ROKG WILL THEREFORE NOT

MAKE HIM AVAILABLE TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

4. USHIROKU THEN REQUESTED THAT ROKG RECONSIDER ITS GENERAL POSITION ON THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE AND TRY TO MOVE CLOSER TO THE GOJ "ATTITUDE" ON THE FACTS IN THE CASE (I.E. THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO INVOLVEMENT OF LOWER LEVEL ROKG OFFICIALS). KIM'S REPLY WAS NEGATIVE. SAID THAT ROK INVESTIGATION OF KIM CASE IS CONTINUING, BUT THEY HAVE DISCOVERED NO EVIDENCE OF ROK AGENCY INVOLVEMENT. THEREFORE, KIM SAID, THERE IS NO REASON FOR ROKG TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THE MATTER.

5. KAWASHIMA SAID AMBASSADOR USHIROKU VERY DISCOURAGED BY FACT GOJ AND ROKG ARE STILL FAR APART ON THE KIM CASE. SAID AMBASSADOR USHIROKU IS UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE THE REPRESENTATIONS REPORTED ABOVE TO PRIMIN KIM PERSONALLY. HOWEVER, PRIMIN HAS BEEN "VERY EVASIVE" AND USHIROKU HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET APPOINTMENT. PRIMIN'S OFFICE HAD ORIGINALLY DIRECTED USHIROKU TO FONMIN. HOWEVER, KAWASHIMA SAID USHIROKU'S MEETING WITH FONMIN PRODUCED NO RESULTS AND THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS INSTRUCTION, USHIROKU MUST SEE THE PRIMIN. (APPOINTMENT WITH PRIMIN HAD NOT BEEN SECURED AS OF 2000 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 6, DESPITE PERSISTENT EFFORTS BY JAPANESE EMBASSY.)

6. SEPTTEL REPORTS FONMIN'S NEGATIVE REACTION TO THIS MEETING WITH USHIROKU.
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